

# AISD 01-24-2024



# WELCOME!

## AISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)

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January 24, 2024





## AGENDA

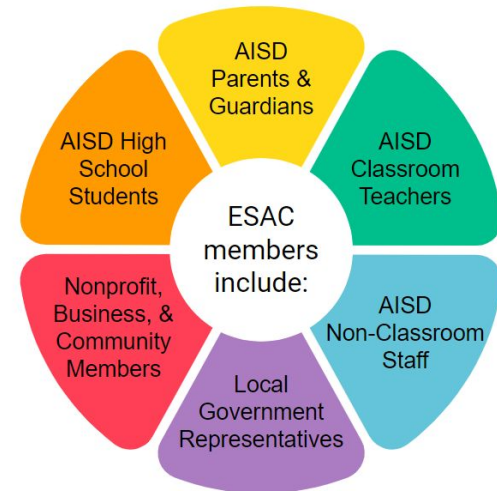
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| I. Welcome & Intros                          | 5:30-5:40 |
| II. Public Comments & Announcements          | 5:40-5:55 |
| III. Working Group/Subcommittee Meet & Greet | 5:55-6:25 |
| IV. District Leadership Updates              | 6:25-6:55 |
| V. Earth Week Brainstorming                  | 6:55-7:20 |
| VI. Reflection & Close                       | 7:20-7:30 |

The agenda is also attached to the calendar invite and posted to the ESC web page: [austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac](http://austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac)



**ESAC Purpose:** To engage AISD students, staff, parents, and community members in advancing environmental education and sustainable operations that enhance learning and support resilient, healthy, and equitable school communities.

Learn More



### To accomplish its purpose, the ESAC shall:

● Serve as an advisory body to the Superintendent

● Foster communication & collaboration among members

● Serve as a means for members & the public to remain current in the status of sustainability and related initiatives at AISD.

● Support the [2011 Environmental Sustainability Policy \(CL\)LOCAL](#) and ongoing efforts to reach new heights for sustainability in infrastructure and operations, teaching and learning, and community engagement.

# Tech Tips

1. We encourage you to use your video so we can see one another's wonderful faces!
2. This webcast is being recorded but not live streamed. The recording will be posted to the ESAC web page.
3. Please keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking. This helps minimize background noise.





# Tech Tips

## 4. To ask a question:

- Please use the “raise hand” button to ask a question or provide a comment, or
- Indicate in the chat that you would like to ask a question.
- You will be called on to voice your question out loud so it can be captured in the recorded session.

## 5. *Operation: Pumpernickel!*



# Reminders about ESAC

## ESAC Has a listserv!

[AISD\\_esac@googlegroups.com](mailto:AISD_esac@googlegroups.com) please use it for sharing news, info, updates with your ESAC colleagues.

## ESAC has a website!

[www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac](http://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac) Great for knowing when meetings take place, reviewing previous meeting materials/videos, seeing general info about the committee.

## Be sure to read the newsletter updates!

These are emailed in advance of ESAC meetings and are also available in the ESAC google drive and on the ESAC web page. They include updates from ESAC Working Groups and from AISD staff.



ESAC > Subcommittees & Worki... ▾

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📁 [Archive Subcommittee Files - retired subcommittees]

📁 Amenity Mapping Working Group

📁 Carbon Sensor Working Group

📁 Energy & Water Subcommittee

📁 I-35 Air Quality Letter Working Group

📁 International Outdoor Classroom Day Working Group

📁 Zero Waste Working Group

**ESAC has a google share drive!**

[tinyurl.com/ESACfiles](https://tinyurl.com/ESACfiles)

Please keep your subcommittee and working group files here. You can also access templates and see what other working groups are up to!

Please email Lucia ([lucia.sewingcole@austinisd.org](mailto:lucia.sewingcole@austinisd.org)) if you have difficulty accessing the drive.





# Approve Minutes



# Public Comments

Visit [austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac/meetings](https://austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac/meetings) to submit public comments by noon the day of the meeting



# Announcements





# AISD Job Openings Please share!

- **Urban Forester.** This position is being funded by City of Austin's Planning and Development Services Department and will report to the AISD Director of Architecture in Construction Management. Links: [Application link](#) | [Job Description](#) | [Info flier to share](#)
- **Building and Environmental Scientist *Foreman*.** The position will report to the Director of Facilities Maintenance. Links: [Application link](#) | [Job Description](#)
- **Building and Environmental Scientist *Specialist*.** The position will report to the Building and Environmental Scientist Foreman in the Facilities Maintenance Department. Links: [Application link](#) | [Job Description](#)





# Electric Buses are Here!

- The first 3 electric buses are here!
- AISD was selected for additional E-Bus Funding (\$6.25M through the EPA's Clean School Bus cost-share grant program).
- **Join the press conference tomorrow, Thursday, 1/25! 10am at the Southeast Bus Terminal (7200 Bluff Springs Rd. 78744) to commemorate the arrival of our first three electric school buses.**





# Working Groups & Subcommittee Meet & Greet



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- **Amenity Mapping** (Melody & Yasmine)
- **Carbon Sensor & Air Quality Outreach** (Eileen & Nishtha)
- **Energy and Water** (Rey & Ana)
- **International Outdoor Classroom Day Celebration** (Colleen)
- **Zero Waste** (Amanda)



# Working Groups & Subcommittee

## Meet & Greet



- Introduce yourself and any co-leaders
- Desired outcome of the working group and/or a very brief description of any items you are working on
- Approximate # of participants in the group
- When you meet. Online? In-person? Asynchronous?



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## Breakout Rooms





# District Leadership Update

**LOCALLY ELECTED,  
COMMUNITY CONNECTED**



**School Board Recognition Month**  
**January 2024**





# Austin ISD

# Earth Week

April 18-22  
Earth Day April 22

See last year's page: [austinisd.org/earthweek](https://austinisd.org/earthweek)

- What's your favorite Earth Week activity?
- What do you know is happening for Earth Week 2024 (at your school, at your organization, in Austin)
- What would you like to see and what would you like to contribute to Earth Week 2024?



# Earth Week

Semana de la Tierra

## Green Smoothie Sampling

Muestras de Batido Verde

Recipe Inspired by



Peachy Green Kids Smoothie

Inspirado por  
"JuiceLand's Peachy Green Kids"

Friday, April 21  
viernes, 21 de abril

## AUSTIN CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

In which every child has the right to:

- Climb a tree
- Catch a fish
- Picnic in a park
- Hike a trail
- Ride a bike
- Splash in a creek or river
- Discover plants and wildlife
- Play in the sand and mud
- Gaze at the night sky
- Chase a firefly
- Plant a seed and watch it grow
- Harvest and eat a fruit or vegetable

Understanding that research shows children who learn and play in nature are healthier, happier and academically successful.



Bernice Kiker Elementary

@KikerComets

First grade explores water conservation and the water cycle with Dowser Dan. @AustinISD @AISDElementary @AustinWater



Govalle RoadRunners

@Govalle\_Roadies

Happy #EarthDay2023 Our teachers carpooled this week and we took data collection outside w tree inventories and @peas\_community planted pollinators then finished off the week with veggie viernes in the cafe w @AustinISDFood @JuiceLand @AustinISDGreen





Thanks, @AustinISD Central Office staff who participated in our grounds cleanup on Wednesday! We collected litter and sorted it into compost, recycling, and landfill waste. It was a great way to get outside, take care of our environment, and celebrate #EarthWeek! 🌱🌍💚



**Austin ISD Green**  
@AustinISDGreen

Thank you @AustinISDFood for hosting Earth Week volunteers yesterday! @AustinISD staff & members of the ESAC volunteered in school cafes to help students sort their lunch waste. The best part? Many students didn't need help because they sort their waste correctly every day! 🌱🍏🌍

**Austin ISD Food Service** @AustinISDFood · Apr 18, 2023  
The #EarthWeek 🌍 celebrations continue @AustinISD! Big thanks to Austin ISD and @austintexasgov employees for volunteering to help students sort their waste during lunch today! #AISDEats #AISDGreen



Every @AustinISD school received a full set of @EcoRise Environmental Justice Hero posters in time for Earth Week, & we love seeing how they're displayed! You can find the full set of posters in English & Spanish here: [tinyurl.com/muwbmr4e](https://tinyurl.com/muwbmr4e)

@EastsideMHSLib, we love your books!

**Eastside ECHS Library** @EastsideMHSLib · Apr 25, 2023  
Thank you @cinca\_atx for the inspiring environmental justice posters! @EastsideECHS @AustinISDLibs



Download the EcoRise Environmental Justice Posters for your school!  
[tinyurl.com/muwbmr4e](https://tinyurl.com/muwbmr4e)

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\*\*\* Earth Week 2024 Brainstorm Jamboard \*\*\*

<https://bit.ly/2024EarthWeekJamboard>

- What Earth Day/Week/Month activities do you love?
- What Earth Day 2024 events are happening at your school, organization, or around Austin?
- What can you--or someone you know--help make happen for AISD Earth Week 2024?







## THE PERENNIAL FLOWER AWARD

*is presented to*

# LUCIA SEWING COLE

A perennial's best assets:

“They provide a sense of continuity, and contribute to the beauty of a garden throughout the year”

## JANUARY 2024

Austin ISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee





## THE WISE OWL AWARD

*is presented to*

# AMANDA BRAZIEL

For bringing her keen eye, patience and thoroughness to Outdoor Learning, adding a dose of WONDER along the way. We are grateful for her continued vision to give the OWL Center wings!

## JANUARY 2024

## Mark your calendars for the 2023-2024

### ESAC meeting dates!

All meetings will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

- March 27, 2024 (virtual)
- April 10, 2024 ESAC Social (optional, location TBD)
- May 22, 2024 (in person)



*Save  
the  
Date!*





**THANK YOU for all you do to help AISD be green!**

